

# News from your National Weather Service and Valley County Emergency Management

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## **THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO ATTEND A SEVERE WEATHER TRAINING WORKSHOP IN VALLEY COUNTY**

**When:** 7:00 pm Friday, October 28th

**Where:** Legion Hall, City Council Chambers, 216 E. Park St. McCall, ID

The community is invited to attend a Severe Weather Spotter Training Workshop co-sponsored by Valley County Emergency Management and the National Weather Service (NWS). The training session is slated for Friday, October 28 at the City Council Chambers in McCall, Idaho at 216 E. Park St. in Valley County. The session will begin at 7:00 pm and will last about an hour.

**Everyone is invited.** If you are a current weather spotter, firefighter, law enforcement specialist, land management employee, emergency services technician, transportation operator, outdoor recreationalist, or just purely a weather enthusiast, this training workshop is for you.

Training will include definitions and climatology of severe weather, training on cloud and storm recognition, storm hazards and safety tips, and weather reporting procedures.

Across Southwest Idaho, over 100 volunteer weather spotters and cooperative observers provide valuable weather information which is fundamental in helping the NWS protect lives and property. Forecasts are often based on observer data, and even warnings for severe weather have been issued based on information received from trained volunteer spotters, cooperative observers and/or relayed by a HAM operator.

For more information about the NWS spotter program, please see our local office Web page at <http://www.weather.gov/boise/> or our national severe weather awareness Web page at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/severeweather/index.shtml>.

Please bring a friend, relative or other interested weather enthusiasts. We look forward to seeing you at the training session. If you have questions, please call Jay Briedenbach (NOAA/NWS) (208) 334-9860, or Jay Scherer, McCall Airport Manager (208) 630-3441.